

IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARCH 26, 2019

Meeting called to order by Chairman Joe Pinardi at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call, present: Thompson, Matson, Aijala, Pinardi, Francis, Youngs, Thomas, Saari, Snyder, Hanson Erickson, Sendra and Roberts. Absent: Kichak and Krall. Student Representatives, present: Stuhr, Allen-Rodriquez and Binz. Absent: Morello, Hohner and Botes.

Clerk Michael Saari certified that the meeting was properly called and posted.

Motion by Aijala, seconded by Hanson to approve minutes of February 26, 2019 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman Pinardi told the board he has letters of support for NorthLakes Community Clinic if anyone would like to sign them. Letters passed around for board members to sign.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Matson reported that Zoning will have a positive outlook for coming construction season. Eleven communication towers may be put up in Iron County this summer with permits needed for each tower. Zoning is looking at starting a CWD committee with local people sitting on said committee with 3 to 4 meetings per year.

Matson reported that Land Conservation had a good year in 2018 with the annual report given out tonight for the board to see and read. He told the board that of \$250,000 in expenses the county share was only \$16,000 which is a great deal for the county. The education outreach program through Land Conservation has reached a third of the county's population.

Katie Hampston, Health Officer gave the Health report and said the employee wellness program is going well stressing healthy options for our employees. The Opioid crisis is a focus of the Health Department with advertising the dangers of opioid use and help if needed for our citizens.

Stacy Ofstad, Emergency Government Director reported that the county has been working on the annual strategic plan for hazmat problems. The county held a functional exercise for hazmat in September that went very well.

Ofstad also reported that Town of Anderson received a check from FEMA for flooding problems with Montreal and Oma waiting for their reimbursements coming shortly.

Thompson reported that the Sheriff's Department has just hired Mike Wick as a new deputy that formally worked for the City of Hurley as a road deputy. Thompson also reported that another road deputy and a jailer are needed in the Sheriff's Department.

Hanson reported that the runway bids at the airport will be let out this spring.

Roberts reported that the county has purchased the VFW building and renovation work is now being done to put 6 new offices in the building for use by ADRC/Human Services. Air Conditioning will be added before offices are used.

Roberts told board that a new chiller has been ordered for installation this spring. New chiller was in the budget 2 years ago but never replaced because service contract kept it going for 2 more years. Price is \$68,000 and energy savings alone will pay for itself within 8 years. Finance has also decided to look into hiring an IT person with Computer Doctors as a backup and learning tool for new hire.

Roberts reported that Human Services has hired a new social worker with experience and will start in about 2 weeks. Roberts reported that court ordered placements have been a problem because of such a slow process with the county paying placement costs during the process.

Roberts reported that Northern Waters Library needs to hire 2 IT positions this spring.

Thomas reported that the Memorial Building board hired Nasi Roofing Crew to shovel off the roof during March because of large amount of snow on the roof and rain in forecast. Roof will be replaced this spring with a DuroLast covering.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rita Franzoi, Hurley Chamber Director presented Iron County will a plaque naming Iron County as a Snowmobile Friendly County. Plaque will be displayed within the courthouse.

Discussion was held between Iron County Supervisors and employees and supporters of Northlakes Community Clinic. Clinic will be located at the former Hagemann Dental Office beginning in June. CEO of Northlakes stressed that they will only bring in services that are wanted and needed by Iron County. They will not force their way into any community. At present they operate 12 clinics in northern Wisconsin with a total of 350 employees and look to partner with county health departments. Grants for expansion will be applied for but with or without grant dollars they will be in Iron County. Hurley will be happy to have another clinic besides the Aspirus Clinic. It was stressed that anyone can use their services, insurance or self-pay patients.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Erickson to approve the 2018 Forestry Annual Report. All aye. Motion carried.

REPORT OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING/LAND & ZONING COMMITTEE TO COUNTY BOARD ON HEARING OF PETITION TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE

Rezone the following:

Rezone from an A-1 (Agriculture) District to an R-3 (Rural Residential) District, part of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼, Section 21, Township 43 North, Range 4 East, Town of Mercer, in accordance to future Land Use Plan. Site address is 5788N Cedar Lake Circle. Richard Duranso, owner.

Motion the Thompson, seconded by Saari to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2963

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 8 THROUGH APRIL 12, 2019 AS "WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK" IN IRON COUNTY

WHEREAS, in 1999, the Federal Highway Administration partnered with the American Association of State Highway Officials and more recently the American Traffic Safety Services Association to create the National Work Zone Safety Awareness campaign which is held annually in April prior to construction season in much of the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin County Highway Association is asking all seventy-two counties in the state to unite and kick off "Work Zone Safety Awareness Week" with a resolution and campaign to raise awareness for its workers, the traveling public, public safety workers and those of various highway contractors performing work for the counties; and

WHEREAS, construction and maintenance activities on our street and highways periodically require that work zones be established; and

WHEREAS, there has been over 2,000 work zone crashes in Wisconsin in each of the last three years; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Wisconsin suffered from nearly 2,700 crashes in road construction and maintenance zones, resulting in over 1,000 injuries and six fatalities; and

WHEREAS, between 2012 and 2017, there were 55 fatalities recorded as a result of crashes in Wisconsin work zones including three Wisconsin County Highway workers which were killed in work zones in 2015; and

WHEREAS, through their enforcement activities and other participation, the Iron County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin State Patrol and Iron County Highway Department are committed to working together in 2019 to make Work Zone Awareness Week a success; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has designated April 8 through April 12, 2019 as National Work Zone Awareness Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Iron County Board of Supervisors that the week of April 8 through April 12, 2019 be designated as Work Zone Awareness Week in Iron County.

Motion by Youngs, seconded by Aijala to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Aijala, seconded by Roberts to adjourn at 6:47 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari
Iron County Clerk